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THE FOLLOWING SENT ACTION OUAGADOUGOU INFO SECSTATE WASHDC NIAMEY
FROM PARIS JUNE 28 IS REPEATED

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SUBJECT: TALKS WITH VOLTANS IN PARIS

FROM AMBASSADOR EASUM

1. HAD USEFUL CONVERSATIONS HERE, JUNE 26-27, WITH PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA, FINANCE MINISTER GARANGO, AND HEALTH MINISTER
BARRAUD. LAMIZANA ARRIVING OUAGADOUGOU WITH BARRAUD
JUNE 3 0; GARANGO ARRIVING JULY 2.

2. DISCUSSED MAURICE WILLIAM S' APPOINTMENT WITH ALL THREE.
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THEY SAID THEY HOPED HE COULD VISIT UPPER VOLTA. GARANGO PROMISED VOLTAN AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE IN EVENT COMMERCIAL AIRLINES SCHEDULES INCONVENIENT OUT OF OUAGADOUGOU. HE SAID HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT DIORI MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE SIMILAR ASSIST OUT OF NIAMEY.

3. LAMIZANA CONVERSATIONS EARLY THIS WEEK WITH POMPIDOU AND ARMED FORCES MINISTRY APPARENTLY FOCUSSED IN LARGE PART ON CURRENT DROUGHT PROBLEM. VOLTANS STILL PUSING FOR AIRLIFT. FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLANC TOLD ME HE HAD OBTAINED PERMISSION KEEP TWO NORD- ATLAS AIRCRAFT AS LONG AS NECESSARY. FRENCH HAVE NO LARGE CARGO PLANES FOR TRANSPORT FROM PORTS BUT WILL TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING MORE TRUCKS FOR ABIDJAN- OUAGADOUGOU RUN.

4. DON BROWN AND I HAVE SUGGESTED TO WILLIAMS THAT OUAGADOUGOU BE ONE OF CAPITALS TO BE VISITED IF HE COMES TO SAHEL, GIVEN DAKOURE' S ROLE, FAO TEAM HEADQUARTERS SITE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE, ETC. IF DAKOURE NOT AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, INCLUSION UPPER VOLTA LESS IMPORTANT. NEITHER LAMIZANA NOR GARANGO FULLY CERTAIN OF DAKOURE' S PLANS BUT SAID THEY THEOUGHT HE WAS RETURNING TO OUAGADOUGOU " EARLY IN JUL Y." I WILL KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS WHEN I SEE DAKOURE TODAY OR TOMORROW IN GENEVA.

5. IBRD' S ONCHOCERCIASIS MEETING WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY HIGHLY USEFUL TO ALL CONCERNED. WELL ORGANIZED AND WELL ATTENDED, ALTHOUGH BARRAUD WAS ONLY MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATE ATTENDING FROM SEVEN PROGRAM- MEMBER STATE. DON BROWN PREPARING SUMMARY TELEGRAM ON PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF MEETING. BARRAUD MADE EXCELLENT PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF RECIPIENTS. COMMON THEME THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE WAS CONTRIBUTION THAT RIVER VALLEY RESETTLEMENT AND REPOPULATION MAY EVENTUALLY PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF LONG- TERM ATTACK ON SAHEL DROUGHT. DECONTROL 12/31/74.

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